

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session June 10, 2013

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 2:07p.m., immediately following the MSHDA Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Public Hearing, in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Present: Commissioners Don Cooper, George Kinsella, Don McLean,
Ted Postula and Chairman Scott Shackleton.

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, Evening News, Kelly Church, Brad Ormsbee, Michelle LaJoie, Chippewa County Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Sharon Kennedy, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Postula, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the Clerk's Office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the regular County Board meeting minutes of May 13, 2013 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Workshop minutes of May 24, 2013 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

Old Business

ANNOUNCE APPLICANTS FOR EUP REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION EUP REGIONAL PLANNING APPOINTMENT

Expires: 12/31/2015

Candidates: Jim Moore

Having only one applicant, it was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to appoint former Commissioner, Jim Moore, to the EUP Regional Planning Commission. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administrator's Report: For informational purposes only.

Standing Committee Reports

Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee - Commissioner Kinsella – May 31, 2013

Veteran Affairs Counselor Retirement

The Committee received a retirement letter from Jim Shogren effective September 1st. Administrator German suggested the interview process begin and give the replacement person at least six weeks training and put the position at 29 hours per week.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Administrator to begin the hiring process with the interview team consisting of the Administrator, Deputy Administrator, Jim Shogren, Ted Postula and a member of the Veteran Affairs Board and make the position 29 hours a week at fifteen dollars an hour. An extensive discussion took place.

On a voice vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Cooper voting Nay.

County Clerk New Hire

The Clerk presented a letter informing the Commission she had hired Steven Woodgate.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the hiring of Steven Woodgate for the position of Secretary 1. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee minutes of May 31, 2013 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee

Commissioner Cooper – June 6, 2013

FY2012 Audit Presentation

The Financial Statements of Chippewa County; including the governmental activities, business activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information for the year ended December 31, 2012, were presented by Anderson, Tackman & Company's CPA Phil Wolf. Mr. Wolf presented and reviewed documents included in the annual audit report and explained the purpose of each. He reviewed the independent auditor's opinion; which had no findings, discussed changes to the audit report that have been implemented and those that will be implemented over the next couple years. Mr. Wolf presented and reviewed the general fund balance sheet, a number of graphs, and the *Communication With Those Charged with Governance*; previously known as the *Report to Management*. The Committee discussed issues with Employee Retirement and Benefit Systems, the Affordable Health Care Act, and had questions answered. Administrator German, verified with Mr. Wolf the County's choice in offering four part-time Corrections Officers health care in FY2014, was allowable based on the Affordable Health Care Act. The total governmental fund deficit for FY2012 was \$2,560,128. The general fund original budgeted revenue was \$11,507,139., with an actual amount of \$11,276,083. collected. Original expenditures for the general fund were \$10,886,228 and actual expenditures were \$10,918,464.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to accept and approve the FY2012 Audit as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS**2013 Taxable Values, Tax Rates, Revenue Projections & Processing**

Equalization Director Sharon Kennedy presented the Committee with the FY2013 Equalized and Taxable Values by classification, which is the second step to assure the delivery of printed tax rolls before the third week in June to allow the local unit treasurers enough time to process the bills and begin collecting summer tax rolls by July 1st. Ms. Kennedy also provided the Report of County Tax Revenue Estimates for FY2014, the Michigan Department of Treasury's L-4029 report and a copy of proposed resolution 13-06 to Impose 2013 Property Tax Levy.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the FY2013 Taxable Values as presented, equalized real property totaling \$1,256,839,920., equalized personal property of \$1,326,453,970; taxable real property of \$1,020,730,009 and taxable personal property of \$1,090,343,959. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Kennedy also, reviewed the Equalization Report that the Committee received, and asked that the report be approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept and approve the FY13 Equalization Report as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department letter re: Avery Square Debt Fund 368

The Committee received and reviewed a request from Christine Lundquist, CFO of the Chippewa County Health Department regarding the payoff arrangements for the Avery Square Dept Fund 368. Ms. Lundquist would like to have something in the lease file to cover questions of financial, State or Medicare auditors. The Committee discussed a couple changes with regards to the date of the letter and its content.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula to amend and approve a letter to be placed on file with the Health Department, regarding the agreed upon shared funding (cost) of paying off the Avery Square Debt Fund 368 to the full Board. On a voice vote, the motion carried. (*See attached*)

Blue Cross Blue Shield Inmate Renewal

The Committee received a copy of the renewal Administrative Services Contract (ASC) for the term of July 2013 through June 2014, with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Previously the Committee asked for additional review of the policy for possible savings, Employee Benefits was contacted, and reviewed the current contract and indicated that since the Jail has an assigned Medical Officer, the County would not save any additional monies via a carrier change.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Administrative Services Contract for Chippewa County Inmates for a term of July 2013 through June 2014 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Snowmobile Trailer Bid Summary

The Committee received a copy of the bid summary for the purchase of a snowmobile trailer to be used by the Sheriff's Department; three bids were returned with only two bids meeting the bid specifications. The snowmobile trailer is to be purchased from the snowmobile trailer donation fund, per the request previously approved in May.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the purchase of a snowmobile trailer, to be utilized by the Sheriff's Department, from the low bidder Soo Welding, at a cost not to exceed \$6,280.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Purchase Request form Community Corrections

The Committee reviewed a request from Community Corrections Administrator Greg McQuiggin, regarding the restructuring of the Community Corrections office, which includes two tether officers and three Community Corrections staff, as well as, the Administrator; the request to purchase two new CPU's, and one monitor; along with having two electrical outlets with conduit run and one conduit for an additional telephone line. Estimated cost of \$2,330.00 plus an electrical contractor would be charged to Fund 232, with a budget adjustment from Fund 232's fund balance.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the purchase request for two CPU's, one monitor, two electrical outlets and one telephone line both with conduit, and the charge of the electrical contractor to be paid from Fund 232, and to make the appropriate budget adjustments. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

USDA – Emergency Response Vehicle Grant \$7,000

A previously submitted grant request seeking assistance from the USDA, has been reviewed and the USDA Rural Development is recommending a grant for \$7,000 to help fund an Emergency Response Vehicle in FY2014. The Committee reviewed the request; approval for signature of the Certification of Compliance with Federal Requirements/Laws was sought. A public hearing will need to be held to receive the grant money.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the USDA grant of \$7,000 to be used for the FY14 purchase of an emergency response vehicle, and to authorize the necessary signatures. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Westlaw Patron Terminal renewal and migration

The Committee reviewed the three year renewal order for the Law Library patron access subscription. The current monthly cost is \$340.66 and with the renewal and migration, which will also include Westlaw Next, as well as Westlaw Classic. The monthly rate will be \$361.08.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the Westlaw three year subscription at a cost of \$361.08 monthly, with annual charges not to increase over 5% per year during the three year subscription. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Release Audit Services RFP

The Committee received the proposed RFP for Audit Services for Chippewa County for a three year period, covering 2013, 2014 and 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and release the Audit Services Request for Proposals. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Release 13 Desktop Computers RFB

The Committee reviewed a copy of a request for bids to be released to purchase thirteen desktop computers. It was noted that the request should be changed to fifteen desktop computers to include the request from Community Corrections.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to amend the number of desktop computers requested and approve the release of the Request for Bids for fifteen (15) Desktop Computers. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE

Claims and Accounts

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to recommend the approval of the general claims totaling \$195,928.60, other fund claims of \$332,270.25, payroll of \$637,298.30 and Health Department claims of \$445,875.99, total claims of \$1,611,373.14 and voucher H-1 through H-306. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

A discussion took place concerning last year's deficit with the problem areas noted as follows: Decrease in revenue for Federal Inmates, increase in Jail Medical, the Commission voted to spend more money on imaging and the courts.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the Finance minutes of June 6, 2013 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

New Business

A) Resolution 13-06 – Property Tax Levy

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella to accept

Resolution 13-06 as follows:



**PROPERTY TAX LEVY
CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 13-06**

**RESOLUTION IMPOSING 2013 PROPERTY TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO
MCL 211.24e, 211.34, 211.34d, 211.36, 211.37, and 211.44a, AND NOTICE OF
CERTIFICATION OF 2013 COUNTY TAX LEVY**

WHEREAS, CHIPPEWA County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect its allocated and voted property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require each Michigan County to levy and collect its allocated millage in the summer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, **6.15 mills**, which is the County allocated millage, after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2013, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other anticipated County operating millages, if authorized by the voters by November 6, 2013, i.e., EMS millage of .4275 mill, Road millage of .9879 mill, Recycling Programs millage of .5000 mill, Jail millage of .6000 mill, Senior Programs millage of .4994 mill, and Community Safety millage of .55 mill, after application of the "Headlee" and other applicable millage reduction fractions, will be levied and collected on December 1, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city, village and township in CHIPPEWA County is directed to account for and deliver the County tax collections for 2013 in accordance with the provisions of statute pertaining to such collections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County millages as above described and as set forth on the attached 2013 TAX RATE REQUEST (L4029); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of this Resolution by first class mail to the Treasurer of each city, Village and township in CHIPPEWA County.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, Mclean, Postula and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

B) Resolution 13-07 – Community Development Block Grant Home Rehabilitation

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept Resolution 13-07 as follows:

RESOLUTION 13-07

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER TITLE I FOR
HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROGRAM - \$200,000**

WHEREAS, Chippewa County is applying for up to \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to provide loan reductions and grant for Section Eight Income eligible households located in Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, these funds are for home rehabilitation and emergency repair; Chippewa County will request the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the following project:

Homeowner Rehabilitation Program - \$200,000

This program activity will result in the rehabilitation of 22 single-family, owner occupied homes in the County of Chippewa at a per unit cost of \$9,090.00, for a total project cost of \$200,000 in 2013 CDBG funds. These homes are located in Chippewa County and will meet local code and/or the Section 8 Existing Housing Quality standards after rehabilitation. Households assisted will have incomes not exceeding 80 percent of the area median. The assistance will be in the form of MSHDA CDBG interest-free loans. These loans will be secured by a non-diminishing "lien" placed on the property. These monies will be re-paid to Chippewa County when the home is either sold, transferred, or no longer occupied by the borrower and will provide additional funds for the Homeowner Assistance activity.

Chippewa County will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds, with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Chippewa County is certifying to the State of Michigan that Chippewa County and Scott Shackleton, in his official capacity as Chairperson, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Chippewa County may use the CDBG funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

MSHDA will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or step application to the project in the environmental review process; or (c) other specific grounds in HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.75. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to Carolyn Cunningham, MSHDA at P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County, is eligible to receive funds, and in cooperation with Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency has developed a program in conformance with State guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of up to \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to provide loan reductions and grant for Section Eight Income eligible households located in Chippewa County.
2. That a Public Hearing Notice and Public Hearing were offered by the County.
3. That the Chairman of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents associated with the Community Development Block Grant.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, Mclean, Postula and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

C) Resolution 13-08 – UPACC Resolution Plan to Improve Michigan Roads and Highways.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to accept Resolution 13-08 as follows:

***RESOLUTION 13-08
REQUESTING LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN
TO IMPROVE MICHIGAN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS***

WHEREAS, County and Municipal roads are deteriorating at a record pace, and

WHEREAS, the longer maintenance is deferred due to lack of funding, the more it will cost to bring our local road network back into quality condition, and

WHEREAS, investment in our road infrastructure will provide needed improvement by our local road commission to do necessary maintenance and these wages will be spent in Michigan for the sole purpose of funding, to be used for direct road repairs, and

WHEREAS, Michigan is losing \$3 million per day and more than \$1 billion per year due to the maintenance costs and increased wear and tear on our roads and bridges, and

WHEREAS, since the 1960s, Michigan has ranked among the lowest of all states, per capita, of investing in our local infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, poor road conditions contribute to one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Michigan's gas tax - the user fee that is the primary source of transportation funding has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, adjusted for inflation is equal to that which was collected in 1974, and

WHEREAS, we risk a future fiscal crises if we do not increase our investment in transportation. Currently 32% of Michigan's roads are ranked as being in poor condition. By 2018, this number is expected to jump to more than 65%, and

WHEREAS, investing \$10 billion over the next ten years to Michigan's roads and bridges would create 12,000 jobs and prevent 100 crash related deaths per year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) encourage any enhanced revenue to go for direct local road maintenance and not enhanced salaries and benefits for administration, with revenues to be shared equally on a per mile basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) hereby urges the Governor and the Michigan Legislatures to save lives and improve our economy by making the necessary investments to repair our roads and bridges so that our transportation systems can function at peak performance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, UP Legislators, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, Postula and Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

D) Resolution 13-09 – UPACC Resolution for Equitable Tax on Commercial Forest Reserves.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean to accept Resolution 13-09 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 13-09
RESOLUTION FOR EQUITABLE TAX
ON COMMERCIAL FOREST RESERVES
(PA 94 of 1925)**

WHEREAS, *The State of Michigan established PA 94 of 1925 the Commercial Forest Act to not pay ad valorem general property tax, but to instead pay a reduced specific tax on commercial forest land, currently at \$50.00 per 40 acres (\$1.25 per acre), and*

WHEREAS, *The State of Michigan has control over Commercial Forest Reserve (CFR) specific tax with no local input, and*

WHEREAS, *currently local tax averages \$750.00 per 40 acres (\$18.75 per acre) compared to \$50 per 40 acres for Commercial Forest Reserve land, and*

WHEREAS, *The Upper Peninsula currently has approximately 2,186,500 acres (98% of the total CFR) and the Northern Lower Peninsula has approximately 40,490 acres (1.8%) in CFR. This represents 21% of the total land in the Upper Peninsula, and added to the 42% of land currently held by State and Federal Governments, equals about 63% of the total land in the Upper Peninsula, and*

WHEREAS, *This Upper Peninsula CFR land has a tax rate at less than 10% of its assessed value, and Federally and State owned lands also receive only a small portion of true assessed value through PILT reimbursements to local and county governments, and*

WHEREAS, *there is incentive to not remove land from CFR (Approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000 penalty plus increased taxes), and*

WHEREAS, *State control over CFR lessens the ability of local governmental units to control revenues, and*

WHEREAS, *we currently do not receive operating millage, which pays for services such as schools, township portions of road maintenance, road patrol, fire departments, libraries, cemeteries, rescue squads, parks and recreation, children and youth programs, and veterans care, and*

WHEREAS, CFR land is not handicapped accessible which limits use by our disabled population and our disabled veterans,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The State of Michigan allow county and local governments to collect full market value tax rate on CFR land, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The State of Michigan pay the full tax rate directly to local county governments for distribution to local units of government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The State wave or reduce the penalty on removing land from CFR, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties, all local county governments holding CFR properties, and all U.P. Legislators.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) supports the equitable tax on Commercial Forest Reserves (PA 94 of 1925).

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, Postula and Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

E) Resolution 13-10 – UPACC Resolution Supporting Increased Access to Health Insurance Coverage for Low Income Workers, Families and Veterans.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula to accept resolution 13-10 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 13-10
SUPPORTING INCREASED ACCESS
TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR LOW INCOME WORKERS, FAMILIES AND VETERANS**

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder's proposal to broaden the scope of Medicaid will provide health insurance for those Michiganders who need it most, while saving money and improving care for our citizens, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid financial eligibility would be increased to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level, meaning that those living at or near poverty (about \$30,000 per year for a family of four) would receive health care. In total, 320,000 Michiganders (approximately

19,500 residents of the Upper Peninsula and over 5,000 Veterans) would be covered in the first year, 470,000 (28,200 U.P. residents) would be covered by 2013, and Michigan's uninsured population would drop by about 46%, and

WHEREAS, *coverage will include access to primary care doctors, preventative care and routine checkups, and*

WHEREAS, *there is no net cost to the state over the next 21 years, and Michigan will save \$320 million in uncompensated care costs by 2022 and \$206 million in General Fund costs in 2014 alone, and*

WHEREAS, *Federal funds will cover 100% of the cost of Medicaid expansion from 2014 to 2016, 95% in 2017, 94% in 2018, 93% in 2019 and 90% in 2020 and subsequent years, and,*

WHEREAS, *with the Medicaid expansion, the federal government 'will cover expenses Michigan pays today, saving the state \$206 million in General Fund costs in 2014 alone.*

WHEREAS, *The proposed budget deposits of \$103 million of those saving into a new health savings fund to cover Michigan's future health care liabilities, and*

WHEREAS, *today, uninsured citizens often turn to emergency rooms for non-urgent care because they don't have access to primary care doctors - leading to crowded emergency rooms, longer wait times and higher costs, and*

WHEREAS, *by broadening Medicaid eligibility, those without insurance will have access to primary care, lowering costs and improving overall health, and*

WHEREAS, *under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government is mandating that businesses either provide health care to their employees or pay a 2,000-per-employee penalty, by expanding Medicaid Michigan can provide an affordable option that will help small businesses,*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) supports Governor Snyder's plan to increase access to Medicaid health coverage.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, Postula and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Postula announced that sometimes better roads are not always good, as paved roads in his area resulted in an increase in traffic with people driving faster.

He also questioned the Westlaw requirement, "If the state requires us to provide Westlaw, why can't the state provide it on their computer/site? Chairman Shackleton responded, "It is one of the things the State requires us to do, but they don't provide the money to do so; there are a whole lot of unfunded mandates."

- Commissioner McLean updated the commission on the Veterans Memorial Gazebo and indicated that the price is coming down to below \$20,000 which would include everything. He further stated that they need to look at, if the Commission is serious about it, referencing the budget as it is an expense item, how they would proceed as far as soliciting bids.
- When Commissioner Cooper asked as to how much already was spent, Kelly indicated she believed it was under \$4,000.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, that the Board adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman